

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Elkins

H.B. No. 1912

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the  
Department of Information Resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 2054.0286 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.0286. STATEWIDE DATA COORDINATOR. (a) The  
executive director, using existing department funds, shall employ a  
statewide data coordinator to:

(1) improve the control and security of information  
collected by state agencies;

(2) promote between state agencies the sharing of  
information, including customer information; and

(3) reduce information collection costs incurred by  
this state.

(b) The statewide data coordinator shall develop and  
implement best practices among state agencies to:

(1) improve interagency information coordination;

(2) reduce duplicative information collection;

(3) increase accountability and ensure compliance  
with statutes and rules requiring agencies to share information;  
and

(4) improve information management and analysis to  
increase information security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce

1 agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with  
2 applicable laws.

3 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the statewide  
4 data coordinator in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

5 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
6 of this Act, the executive director of the Department of  
7 Information Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as  
8 required by Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this  
9 Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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*Letay Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Elkins/Zaffirini

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1 applicable laws;

2           (5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the  
3 agencies' Internet websites information related to agency  
4 functions that is in an open file format and is machine-readable,  
5 exportable, and easily accessible by the public; and

6           (6) encourage the evaluation of open document formats  
7 for storing data and documents generated by state agencies.

8           (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the statewide  
9 data coordinator in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

10           (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

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12 of this Act, the executive director of the Department of  
13 Information Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as  
14 required by Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this  
15 Act.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 25, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1912** by Elkins (Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 2054 of the Government Code, also referred to as the Information Resources Management Act, to add a new section to require the executive director of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to employ a statewide data coordinator to improve the control and security of information collected by state agencies; promote information sharing between state agencies; and to reduce information collection costs. The statewide data coordinator would be required to develop and implement best practices among state agencies related to information coordination, collection, and sharing. Best practices would also address improvement of information management and analysis; encourage agencies to collect and post data on the internet in an open file format that is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the public; and encourage the evaluation of open document format for storing data and documents. This section added by the bill would expire on September 1, 2021. DIR indicates that any costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 313 Department of Information Resources

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, LCO, CL, FR, EP

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 15, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Kevin Eltife, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1912** by Elkins (Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 5, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Kevin Eltife, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1912** by Elkins (Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.), **As Engrossed**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** HB1912 by Elkins (Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 313 Department of Information Resources

**LBB Staff:** UP, FR, EP, LCO



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 30, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** HB1912 by Elkins (Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 2054 of the Government Code, also referred to the Information Resources Management Act, to add a new section to require the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to employ a statewide data coordinator to improve the control and security of information by state agencies; promote information sharing between state agencies; and to reduce information collection costs. The statewide data coordinator would be required to develop and implement best practices among state agencies related to information coordination, collection, and sharing. Best practices would also address improvement of information management and analysis to increase security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with applicable laws. The bill authorizes the board to eliminate the statewide data coordinator position if it determines that the position no longer serves the purposes of the section added by the bill. DIR indicates that any costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

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**LBB Staff:** UP, FR, EP, LCO